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USCOB'S 275 AUGUST 17 TO CINCUSAREUR FOLLOWS WITH USBER
ANNOTATIONS IN PARENTHESES:

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1. REF: A. COB 273 (ALSO SENT AS USBER'S 160 BONN, 173 DEPT)
B. SX 5423 (USAREUR TO USCOB) C. BONN 97 (SENT DEPT 316)

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2. I FEEL THAT PROPOSAL PARAGRAPH 2, REFERENCE B (I.E.,
SOVS TO BE BRIEFED BY PROVOST MARSHAL AND GIVEN CARDS SHOWING
SIGN AND COLOR LICENSE PLATES DISPLAYED ON VEHICLES AMERICAN
MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM FRANCE AND ITALY) WOULD PUT US IN
POSITION BEING TOLD BY SOVIETS TO TAKE OUR PROBLEM TO THE
GDR OFFICIALS SINCE THE SOVIETS HAVE PREVIOUSLY DENIED
RESPONSIBILITY AUTOBAHN TRAVEL EXCEPT THROUGH CHECKPOINTS- SEE COB
254 (SENT AS USBER'S G-524 TO DEPT, G-334 TO BONN).
ACTUALLY, SOVIETS THEMSELVES HAVE NEVER QUESTIONED TYPE OF
LICENSE CARRIED ON OUR VEHICLES PROVIDED MOVEMENT ORDERS
SHOWED IDENTICAL NUMBER.

3. IN VIEW OF COMMENTS IN REFERENCE B AND C NO CHANGE IN
PROCEDURE CONTEMPLATED HERE IN THIS MATTER UNLESS DIRECTED.
HOWEVER, FEEL IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT THREE ALLIES FOLLOW
SAME PROCEDURES RE AUTOBAHN TRAVEL.

THEFORE RECOMMEND EMBASSY BONN PERSUADE BRITISH AND FRANCE
ADOPT U.S. PROCEDURE, I.E., INSTRUCT PERSONNEL NOT REPEAT
NOT, SHOW MOVEMENT ORDERS OR OTHER IDENTIFICATION TO GDR POLICE
WHEN STOPPED ON AUTOBAHN. END TEXT.

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